

# THE NEWS.

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It shall at all times be thankful for communications from abroad, provided they are to the point, intelligently written and contain no personalities.

Saturday Morning, April 24, 1880.

GRATS are still killing cattle in Arkansas.

MEXICO has but five hundred and eighty-five miles of railroad finished and in operation.

MEMPHIS doctors say there is no truth in the report that two cases of yellow fever occurred there in March.

THE Barnett Bulletin and the Frontierman do not come to hand. Is it the fault of the mails?

THE new production of gold is being coined at the rate of three millions of dollars per month.

THE republicans of Iowa and Kansas will send delegations to Chicago convention with instructions to vote for Blaine.

THE proceedings of the convention at Galveston will be published next week. The news from there did not reach us in time for this issue.

THE fire in the woods of several of the Northern States swept over large tracts of country and injured the growing timber seriously before heavy rains subdued the flames.

THE Houston Telegram has just begun its fourth volume and the editor says with brighter prospects than have cheered its owners and managers at any time since the organization of the company.

It has been recently discovered that there are two men in the United States who think Hayes ought to be elected president for the second term. One is Hayes himself and the other a citizen of San Saba.

It was the opinion of President Lincoln that the treasury of the world lay in New Mexico and Colorado. Richer mines of silver, iron and coal are certainly not to be found in any other part of the United States.

WE have received the prospectus of the Williams Ranch Racket, a new paper which was to have made its appearance yesterday at that place. It promises to be spicy and racy. W. S. Marshall is the proprietor.

ON the third page and in the fourth column of the Round Rock Reporter is a striking likeness of the editor of that paper, and of Nat. G. of the Georgetown Record. The photograph is a present from W. B. Morrison.

THE Sayers campaign documents and the gem puzzle reached this place about the same time. Most every body expresses some interest in the puzzle, but we cannot say so much about the campaign documents.

THE New York World declares positively that Mr. Seymour will not be a candidate for president, and the Kansas City Times is just as positive in the assertion that he will accept the nomination if it is tendered him.

TWO cyclones passed over Davis county, Iowa, on Sunday night. They were accompanied by terrific thunder, lightning, heavy hail and great floods of rain. No lives were reported lost, but the loss of property was very great.

SEVERAL stockmen from the Indian Territory were in Sherman on the 19th inst., and spoke quite bitterly of the government order directing the removal of their cattle from the Territory. They say that at this juncture it will be almost impossible to procure proper grazing ground, as the most of it is already contracted.

THE house of representatives has passed the army appropriation bill which stipulates that no money appropriated in the act shall be paid for the subsistence, equipment, transportation or compensation of any portion of the army of the United States to be used as a police force to keep the peace at the polls at any election held within any State.

THE Washington Post says a very significant feature of Grant's candidacy, as pointed out by Mr. Gorham, is his evident intention to furl the bloody shirt and strike for Southern support on the ground that the war is "clean over." If we are not mistaken, however, Grant once said let us have peace, and then turned loose upon the South such a swarm of unclean things as almost surpassed comprehension.

THE interests of the people west of the ninety-ninth meridian are not in all things identical with the interests of those east of that line. The difference in the climate and the surface of the country on the two sides of the line is very great. As you go east from the ninety-ninth meridian the rain fall increases, different kinds of soil and grass and timber are found, and the country is capable of supporting a dense population. Going west, you continually ascend until an elevation of six thousand feet or more is reached. Seasons wet enough for farming purposes are the rare exceptions; on the contrary, long droughts prevail. The rivers and creeks are not near to each other, and for the most part only run occasionally, being in fact but a succession of water holes. Timber is scarce and the little that is found is not good for much save fuel. A lack of rain, a scarcity of water and timber, the poverty of the soil and the severity of storms in the winter, and occasional hot winds in the summer all combine to render it unfit for the habitation of multitudes of people. Compare the country on the Trinity, which flows through the heart of eastern Texas, with that on the Pecos, which flows through the west and the comparison will show a striking contrast between the two sections of the country. On the Trinity are immense forests of lofty trees growing in a deep rich soil, which is generally profusely watered by the rains and dews of heaven. The Pecos, a cold, swift stream of bitter water, flows through an arid country, which for hundreds of miles is utterly destitute of timber. Again, last summer at El Paso the Rio Grande ceased to run, and was for miles but a succession of deep pools of water, sorely perplexing the farmers who there depend entirely on irrigation. How different on the Sabine, where too much rain was complained of. Now to the point. The people in the east want an influx of thousands of farmers and artisans, they want a sufficient free school fund to justify the employment of a good teacher in every neighborhood for six months in the year, and they want every acre of arable land under fence and in cultivation. But in the west, where it takes five acres of land to keep a sheep the year round, and five times as many acres to keep a beef steer the same length of time, the stock men, who compose the chief population, are opposed to immigration, especially to that class who would plow up the grass. Where most of the inhabitants are bachelors, or if they have families live far away from neighbors, school communities cannot be formed. Here it may be out of place but it is not amiss to say that when the people of eastern Texas complain of having to be taxed to support the Frontier Battalion, they should remember that the people of the West pay a school tax from which they derive a benefit as indirect as that which the eastern people get from the services of the rangers. In conclusion, we would say that men who want the votes of west Texans will gain very little by promising to encourage immigration, build up free schools, organize new counties and only sell the public land in lots of one hundred and sixty acres, for their wealth consists in the numbers of their flocks and herds and they want unlimited range.

Wm. PRESTON JOHNSON in the New York World says: "Gen. Maxey is a progressive democrat. The old Whig heaven undoubtedly stirs in him. He is in favor of Federal aid to internal improvements, such as the Texas Pacific railroad, the Mississippi levees, etc., which, while building up the waste places of a desolated section will insure to the benefit of the whole Union. His idea of our public policy is: 1. To protect the frontier by additional forces, in measures for which he has successfully aided. 2. To improve our rivers and harbors, and for liberal appropriations therefor. 3. To procure increased postal facilities. 4. To increase our foreign trade; to which end he is willing to grant subsidies to steamship lines. 5. To distribute the proceeds of the sales of the public lands for educational purposes, for which he has advocated and reported a bill. Gen. Maxey thinks that as the United States government chose to place the negro in the position of 'a ward of the nation,' it had best do something to fit him for the duties and privileges to which it has called him, and that this can be best effected through his education. General Maxey feels the usual democratic indignation at the ruinous policy of the republican party in regard to taxation and revenue, and more than the usual opposition to its financial exploits. He has introduced various measures of relief, which the limits of this sketch do not permit us to discuss. General Maxey's success at the bar and in political life has been due in part to his oratorical power. His idea of the management of a case is to attend to the important points and let the rest go. His memory is quite remarkable, and he is never at a loss for a date. In the conduct of the most protracted trial he can recall the entire evidence without notes; and he cites authorities, cases, volume and page, with unerring accuracy. His remarkable memory is inherited from his mother who could quote page after page of her favorite poets, such as Byron and Campbell. General Maxey is a member of the Baptist church, to which his family has belonged for four or five generations. He is a gallant, genial gentleman and a hard-working useful senator. Very few senators enjoy so generally the affection and esteem of their colleagues."

ASSOCIATED PRESS dispatches give accounts of a dreadful storm which occurred last Sunday in south western Missouri. The town of Winfield was blown down and a part of it burned up, seventy-five persons were killed and two hundred wounded. Fifty deaths were reported from James river five miles below Springfield. The hurricane passed through Green and Webster counties, killing a great many people and destroying an immense deal of property. The wind was accompanied with violent rain and hail. The storm was also very general and disastrous throughout Illinois.

IN the gubernatorial race, Governor Roberts will be the choice of a large majority of the people in this county. But should Lieut. Gov. Sayers be the nominee of the democratic party he will probably be voted for by nine-tenths of the people. Several of the leading papers in the State are bitterly opposed to Roberts, but we believe that the people are satisfied with his administration and will elect him for the second term.

THE Tom Green county newspaper is to make its appearance today.

## STATE NEWS.

Waco was the scene of a horrible double tragedy Sunday night, 11th inst. Two young men, John French and William Hardwick, were the victims. Hardwick killed French by shooting him, and then took his own life. Cause: woman and wine.

Last Monday, the 11th, in this State had more than the usual allotment of casualties. A man shot and killed at Fort Worth, an innocent man stabbed to the heart at Brownham, the postmaster at Concho nearly fatally poisoned by strychnine, a soldier run over by a wagon and killed in an Antonio, a most manly man killed in the Houston bayou, with minor incidents, and libitum, made up the gloomy record of the perverse black Monday. —Waco Examiner.

David J. Blair, connected with the great trading house of York & Draper, and who furnishes nearly all the stock men with supplies, left for Fort Griffin a few days ago. He estimates the drive of stock this year as greater than at any previous year in Texas for many years past. —Austin Weekly Review.

The prospect of good crops and a prosperous year makes every one feel cheerful. In fact the exuberance of some of our merchants is overflowing.

The fact that the late grand jury, composed, as it was, of some of our best citizens, returned into court but six indictments, three for felonies and three for misdemeanors, speaks volumes in praise of the peaceable and law-abiding character of the citizens of Mason county. —Mason News Item.

At Reagan, Falls county, on the 17th, two little boys, Wesley Jones and S. L. Hunter, were out hunting, young Jones accidentally shot Hunter, killing him instantly. They were between ten and twelve years old.

There seems to be a mania for committing suicide at Marshall, as several persons have taken their own lives there in the past four weeks. On the 17th inst. Mrs. Golden of that city who was the wife of a painter and the mother of several small children, committed suicide by taking poison.

The Comanche Chief of the 17th reports the prospect for a plentiful crop of wheat, corn and oats very promising. He says that in that county, all that more than the usual number of acres will be planted in cotton.

The Prairie Bee says the crop prospects are good in Hill county. It confirms the story of the shower of flesh and blood falling from a clear sky in that county on the farm of Mr. Henry Cooper. The shower extended over nearly an acre of ground, and was witnessed by three men who were at work in the field. A number of persons visited the spot and saw the flesh and blood. The flesh resembled the liver of a hog.

To-day there is an exhibition of fine stock in Bastrop.

We clip, from the Orange Tribune the following account of the assassination recently made in that county to assassinate the county attorney, Mr. C. W. Boeck: "Saturday night Mr. Boeck and his wife and children took tea with Dr. S. M. Brown's family. About 10 o'clock they started home. On the railroad they passed two men sitting down and who hung their heads as if to avoid recognition. A short distance beyond where these men were passed, Mr. Boeck with his wife and children turned to the left, leaving the railroad and going in the direction of their home. The men, it appears, or one of them at least, jumped up after they had been passed, and taking a near cut, got ahead of Mr. Boeck and family, and as the latter came along fired upon them with the intention no doubt of killing Mr. Boeck. But the

bullet missed its aim, and struck Mrs. Boeck, inflicting a painful but fortunately not a serious wound. Her screams attracted the attention of those living in that vicinity and Dr. Brown and others were soon on the spot. The ball was extracted by Dr. Brown, and the lady is now resting quietly. Mr. Boeck was unarmed at the time, and the would-be assassin of course fled the moment he fired."

About forty thousand head of cattle will be driven from Fayette, Gonzales, Lavaca and a portion of Jackson and De Witt counties to the northern markets this spring.

The Austin newspapers are continually giving warning and advice to the capitalists of that city. Their talk, like most gratuitous advice, seems to be thrown away, as the capitalists evidently are of the opinion that they amassed their fortunes without displaying much public spirit and can hold and increase them without building railroads or unadorned roads.

Williamson, Travis and Bastrop counties are blessed with a good prospect for a bountiful harvest. The citizens of Orange held a meeting after the attempt had been made to assassinate Mr. Boeck, the county attorney, and passed resolutions in which they pledged themselves to aid the sheriff and his deputies in the suppression of lawlessness.

A McKavett correspondent of the Mason News Item says: "Tuesday night last, several cow-boys, who, we understand, came from the Colorado river, arrived in town and partook of numerous potations of 'cold eye.' The next thing was a war whoop, and a stranger visiting our town would have imagined that we were already celebrating the 4th of July, as a continuous discharge of six-shooters, etc., was kept up for some time. Would it not have been better for these gentlemen to have saved their cartridges for a better use than annoying peaceable and law-abiding citizens."

The Houstonians are making an effort to induce the executive committee to call the next State convention to meet in Houston.

Farmers in various portions of the county report crops as being in good condition and thriving, but in many localities a little rain is needed. The oat crop is doing remarkably well. —Brenham Banner.

From what we can learn from our country friends crops are in excellent condition. We are glad to hear that a great deal of cotton is being planted. The acreage will be larger than last year. Corn looks fine, and the small grain promises a heavy yield. —Seguin Times.

A bargain in the city to-day (April 8) in which \$45,000 changed hands. Cattle: Dawson bought of Wylie. —Columbian Courier.

Eastern Texas includes the territory from the Sabine to the Trinity river. In its physical features it is distinctly marked from the other portions of the State. It is the timbered region of Texas. What few prairies there are, are confined mostly to the counties along the Gulf of Mexico, and extend but little distance inland. The principal forests still cover about four-fifths of its surface. These forests contain every species of timber found in the Southern States. The white oak, red oak, hickory, pecan, ash, elm, walnut, Lombardy and silver leaf poplar abound. Vast bodies of pine are found in every portion of eastern Texas, of both the long and short straw variety. The valleys of the Sabine, Trinity, Neches, and other streams from their mouth a long distance up, are heavily timbered with a splendid growth of cypress. Cedar also is found, and often in large bodies. There is perhaps not a finer timbered country in the world than eastern Texas. —Grimes County Sentinel.

Messrs. Coggins Bros. are still boring away at their artesian well. We learn that they are now down something over 1200 feet. —Brownwood Banner.

We learn from the farmers that wheat in some portions of the county has been entirely ruined by the hot weather, while in other portions, where there has been plenty of rain, wheat is doing finely. The late frost nipped the corn that was up, but it is now coming up again. A good, soaking rain now would help everything immeasurably, but without rain, and that very soon, the outlook is gloomy. —Id.

Work on the oil well goes steadily forward, and they are going down at the rate of about a foot per day. The indications grow more favorable every day, and it is almost impossible now, to keep the oil back sufficiently to allow the men to work. They are now blasting in a very hard rock, which seems to be of the same formation as that in which the silver is found in the Lovelock well. A few more days will determine whether we are to have an oil boom or not. —Id.

Wool is decidedly off at San Antonio, everybody being afraid to handle any just now.

Farmers in Colorado county have finished replanting their cotton. The soil is in very fine condition. The corn in that county is growing finely. Farmers in that section must have been very successful with their crops and in the sale of them last year, they would judge, from the improvements made upon their plantations. The general thrift and prosperity displayed is indeed flattering this season.

On the 18th of the month forest fires were still raging in the vicinity of Petersburg, Virginia, and had become uncontrollable. Farms and stables in great numbers had been destroyed. The destruction of cord wood and timber was immense. In Prince George county the fires have been very destructive, invading orchards and destroying hundreds of fruit trees. Fires were also reported as raging along the line of railroad between Lynchburg and Norfolk. Several dwellings were burned in Appomattox county, and two houses at Nottoway Court House. Plains were sweeping through the Dismal swamp, burning cord wood and destroying timber.

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Taken up by J. F. Brown, county commissioneer, for the use and benefit of the county a black mare, about 14 or 15 hands high, seven or eight years old, saddle marks on left and right sides, branded on the left side with a cross, 1 year old. One iron grey horse, 12 or 13 hands high, 8 or 9 years old, branded with a square with a A on top of left shoulder.

Taken up by J. F. Brown, county commissioneer, one work or driver horse, about 10 years old, branded on hip and a cross on head, dark bay, saddle marks on right side. One brown white pinto, stand in left ear. One brown white pinto, stand in right ear. One brown white pinto, stand in right ear. One brown white pinto, stand in right ear. One brown white pinto, stand in right ear.

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